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### Biographical Notes:

#### Primary Figures:

Joel Shrewsbury, Sr. (1778-1859) was married to Sally Dickinson, sibling of William Dickinson, Sr. and daughter of Joseph Dickinson (1742-1818). He and William Dickinson, Sr. founded Joel Shrewsbury & Co.

William Dickinson, Sr. (1772-1861) was brother-in-law and business partner to Joel Shrewsbury. He served in the War of 1812 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is the son of Joseph Dickinson (1742-1818). He and Joel Shrewsbury, Sr. (1778-1859) founded Joel Shrewsbury & Co.

William Dickinson, Jr. (1798-1881) is the son of William Dickinson Sr. (1772-1861) and continued the salt business created by his father. He also founded the Kanawha Valley Bank in conjunction with his son.

John Quincy Dickinson (1831-1925) is the son of William Dickinson, Jr. (1798-1881). After the conclusion of the Civil War he restarted the Dickinson & Shrewsbury salt

company that is now the J. Q. Dickinson salt company. He also founded the Kanawha Valley Bank in conjunction with his father.

William Dickinson (1866-1907) was the son of John Quincy Dickinson (1831-1925). He attended the Virginia Military Institute and Eastman Business College.

#### Business Overview:

The partnership of Dickinson and Shrewsbury took many forms, beginning with the Joel Shrewsbury & Company trade business in 1804 in Franklin County, Virginia. Joel Shrewsbury & Company specialized in the trade of tobacco and various goods. In 1809, the business morphed into Dickinson & Shrewsbury, continuing in the sale of general goods. In 1814, the company expanded into salt and agricultural production in the Kanawha Salines region of Virginia, now known as Malden, West Virginia. It was during this period natural gas was first discovered on the property and subsequently used in manufacture. In 1825, the firm opened a mercantile store in Kanawha. The firm continued to operate on this general model, in trust and cooperation with other local salt manufacturers, until the dissolution of the business in 1856. Dickinson & Shrewsbury was part of the Kanawha Salt Company, said to be the first business trust in America.

The above summary is extracted from John Edmund Stealey, III's work, "Virginia's Mercantile-Manufacturing Frontier: Dickinson & Shrewsbury and the Great Kanawha Salt Industry" from *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. 101, no. 4, Oct. 1993, pp. 509–534.

#### **Scope and Content:**

This collection primarily consists of materials related to running the business Dickinson & Shrewsbury, a multi-faceted affair that included a general store as well as agriculture, shipping, and salt manufacturing aspects principally run by Joel Shrewsbury, Sr. and William Dickinson, Sr. Collection items are primarily financial and related to business transactions and include day books, ledgers, journals, balance books, and various other book formats related to maintaining the business that do not fit neatly into those categories.

Day books, ledgers, journals, and balance books contain listings of customers, transactions, and financial exchanges to include maintaining credits and debts. Notable trade items, in addition to general goods such as textiles and household goods, as well as enslaved people, tobacco, and lumber. These books date from sporadic periods, with the majority from 1803-1812, and representation for the time periods 1826-1832, 1851-1865, and 1878-1879. Materials after the 1856 dissolution of Dickinson & Shrewsbury relate to family business ventures by Dickinson family members related to salt, shipping, and agriculture by companies such as Cook and Dickinson Co. and other unknown names. Additionally, there is also one ledger and

one journal of Armstrong Lumber.

Other formats are significantly more eclectic and occur primarily between 1804-1813 with some materials between 1849-1885. These formats include books documenting specific areas of the business such as a tobacco book, sale books, cash books, petty cash books, a letter book, business trip books, a book documenting the rental of enslaved persons, contact books, business information books, a farming book, and payment books.

The minority of the collection is composed of personal materials related to various members of the Dickinson family. These materials primarily consist of Eastman Business College course materials for William Dickinson (1866-1907) about accounting, bookkeeping, stocks, and business courses for 1884-1888 and documents related to the execution of the estate of William Dickinson, Sr. after his death.

The content list in the following pages follows the division into two series: Series I: Business Materials and Series II: Personal Papers. Within those series the materials are further broken down by format of book and then by date.

### **Processing Notes:**

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### **Contents**

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#### **Series I: Business Materials**

##### **Day Books**

##### **Box 3**

- Book 1 - Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Book
  - Front half of the book contains "Merchandising remaining on hand belonging to Joel Shrewsbury" dated September 1805. Merchandise includes clothing, books, and utensils such as knives and spoons.
  - Back half of the book contains debt information owed to Joel Shrewsbury containing first and last names of those who owe money and the amount owed. (Sept 1803.)
- Book 2- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Day Book
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought, and date/day purchased. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. (June 1804 – December 1804)

##### **Box 4**

- Book 5 – Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Day Book
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of

purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. The books is heavily worn with multiples pages curled (January 1805 – July 1805)

#### Box 5

- Book 12 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. Also contained are two smaller pieced of paper detailing a salt transaction including price, buyer and date sold (July 1805 – November 1805)

#### Box 4

- Book 6 – Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Day Book
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. The books is heavily worn with multiples pages curled (January 1806 – July 1806)

#### Box 6

- Book 16 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. ( February 1806 – June 1806)

#### Box 3

- Book 3 – Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Day Book
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day purchased. Items include food, work materials and cloth. (June 1806 – August 1806)

#### Box 5

- Book 14 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. (Aug.-Dec. 1806)

#### Box 6

- Book 18 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. Book also contains information regarding the slave trade in North America detailing selling of slaves. ( December 1806 – March 1807)

#### Box 3

- Book 4 – Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Day Book
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. ( March 1807 – September 1807)

#### Box 5

- Book 13 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. (September 1807 – January 1808)

#### Box 6

- Book 15 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, liquor, work materials and cloth materials. (January 1808 – June 1808)

#### Box 5

- Book 11 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. (June 1808 – September 1808)

#### Box 6

- Book 17 – Day Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food,



work materials and cloth materials. Pages feature a heavy “bleed through” of ink. (December 1808 – April 1809)

#### Box 17

- Book 49 – Day Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. (Aug 1809 – Dec 1809)
- Book 50 – Day Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. There is heavy bleed through on many of the pages. Many accounts on the back page have also been crossed out. (Jan 1810– Aug 1810)
- Book 51 – Day Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth. Certain accounts on the back pages have been crossed out. (Sep 1810 – Feb 1811)
- Book 52 – Day Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. The front cover contains doodles from the author from practicing brackets. (Feb 1811 – Oct 1811)
- Book 53 – Day Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day transactions between Joel Shrewsbury and his customers. Information includes name of purchaser, items bought and date/day of purchase. Items include food, work materials and cloth materials. (Oct 1811 – May 1812)

#### Box 18

- Book 57 – Day Book (Possibly just Dickinson Co.)
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day business transaction possibly from the Dickinson Co. The header of the page includes the date and location, which is Nashville TN. Information included is the name of the individual as well as items bought or sold. Also included are early transactions in the salt industry. The book is half empty pages with a few front pages torn out. (1830 – 1836)

#### Box 9

- Book 30 – Day Book for Kanawha Salines
  - Book containing information on the day to day practices of the Kanawha Salines Co. Operations include the transport of products with the use of flatboats the use of furnaces, money paid or received, items purchased. Items purchased include general store items such as coffee, saws, tobacco and candles. Book is missing its covers with one loose page contained inside. (April 1857 – May 1859)
- Book 31 – Day Book for Kanawha Salines (William Dickinson)
  - Book containing information on the day to day practices of the Kanawha Salines Co. Operations include the transport of products with the use of flatboats, use of furnaces, money paid or received, items purchased. Items purchased include general store items such as coffee, saws, tobacco and candles. (May 1859 – Oct 1862)

#### Box 16

- Book 47 – Day book “No. 11” Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Day book for the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Recounting the day to day operations. The header states “Kanawha Salines” followed by the Month, Day and Year. Information included is the name of the individual either purchasing or selling and the amount received or payed. (1857 – 1865)

#### Box 12

- Book 35 – Cobb and Dickinson Day Book
  - Day book containing the day to day business transaction of the Cobb and Dickinson Co. Book contains information regarding items sold, price of product, amount of item sold and date sold. Products include food and drink items such as coffee and liquors. (Nov 1860 – Oct 1861)

#### Box 18

- Book 56 – Day Book (Possibly just Dickinson Co.)
  - Book contains information regarding the day to day business transactions of possibly the Dickinson Co. Information includes the date, item purchased, name of purchaser and price. Items purchased include coffee, Tobacco, cotton, sugar and other similar goods. The handwriting in the document is difficult to discern, the book is also missing a front cover. (May 1870 – Sep 1870)

#### **Ledger Books**

## Box 1

- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Ledger Book B,
  - Book contains an index listing business associates in alphabetical order. Book contains account information for various individuals. Information included is payment type such as cash or bond, settlement of debts and merging of debts. (235 pages) (Sep 1805 – Oct. 1806)
- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Ledger Book C,
  - Inside the front cover of the book is an index of business associates listed in alphabetical order. (Oct 1806 –Oct 1807). Book contains account information of various individual. Also contained is information on payment types such as cash, bonds, settlements of debts and the merging of debts. (244 pages)
- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Ledger Book D,
  - inside the front cover is an index listing the names of business associates in alphabetical order. Dates from (Nov 1807 – Nov 1808). Book contains account information of various individuals including information on payment types such as cash bonds or notes. Also contained are settlements of debts and merging of debts. (264 pages)
- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Ledger Book E,
  - inside the front cover is an index listing the names of business associates in alphabetical order. Dates from (Nov 1808 – April 1809). Book contains account information of various individuals including information on payment types such as cash bonds or notes. Also contained are settlements of debts and merging of debts. (228 pages)

## Box 18

- Book 55 – Ledger Book (Possibly Dickinson and Shrewsbury)
  - Front half of book contains account information on various business associates. Information includes the name of the individual followed by “Account For”. Information includes date “To Shop” and “By Store Out”. Front of the book contains an index for the names of the individuals in alphabetical order. (1809)
  - Back half of book contains account information on various business associates. Information includes the name of the individual followed by “Account For”. Information includes date “To Shop” and “By Store Out”. Front of the book contains an index for the names of the individuals. (1810)

## Box 15

- Book 44 – Ledger B Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Ledger book containing information on the various transactions of the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. The information includes name of the business partner, amount of merchandise purchased, however “Merchandise” is as specific as the book gets. Also included is the date the merchandise was purchased as well as how the debt was settled (mostly through cash) and whether the debt was merged. Inside the book there is a page of blotting paper. (Sept 1810 – Aug 1812)

#### Box 21

- Book 72 – Ledger Book (possibly from Joel Shrewsbury and Dickinson)
  - Ledger Book containing the account information on various accounts of shoppers. Information includes the amount purchased however goods are only listed as sundries and the payment type as well as if the account has been paid. (1826 – 1830)

#### Box 20

- Book 65 – Ledger Book for Kanawha Salines / Levi Woodyard
  - Ledger Book for Kanawha Salines/ specifically Levi Woodyard travel information. Information included is location boarded, location ferried too, amount paid and the date. 1857 – 1859
- Book 63 – Ledger Book for Kanawha Salines / Levi Woodyard
  - Ledger Book for Kanawha Salines/ Levi Woodyard travel information. Information included is location boarded, location ferried too, amount paid and the date. 1851 – 1862

#### Box 18

- Book 59 – Ledger Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Ledger book containing detailed information on the shipping of salt products by the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Information included is the location shipped, locations in Southern Ohio, Indiana, Alabama, and Tennessee are mentioned. Purchaser of products, amount purchased and who shipped the product. The front of the book contains an index of the names of the purchaser. (1854 – 1860) most entries are from 1857.
- Book 61 – Ledger Book
  - The front cover contains newspaper clippings regarding congress passing new taxation laws. Also contained in the front of the book is an index of names in alphabetical order. The book includes the account information of various business associates including how much they owe, whether they paid and how they paid. (1858 – 1863)

#### Box 10

- Book 32 – Ledger Book No.1 for William Dickinson
  - Book containing a front index which lists the names of Dickinson's various business associates in alphabetical order. The book contains the name of each associate, the date and payment type. Items are listed as sundries. Later pages contain information regarding the salt company itself including payments for furnaces and the estate. (April 1857 – Sept 1864)

#### Box 12

- Book 34- Ledger Book for John Dickinson
  - A ledger book for John Dickinson the front of the book contains an index with a list of business associates in alphabetical order. The book contains information on items sold, price and date. Due to the stylized cursive much of the writing is difficult to interpret. (1878-1879)

#### Box 18

- Book 60 – Ledger Book written on inside of cover is “Armstrong”
  - Ledger book containing details on business transactions of various business partners. Information included is how the transaction was paid for, items purchased and who purchased them. Products purchased relate to lumber and lumber mills. The front of the book contains an alphabetical index of names. (1901 – 1903) (346 pages)

### **Journals**

#### Box 2

- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Journal A, dating from (Nov 1804 – Aug 1805.)
  - The journal is missing multiple pages from both the front and back, seemingly torn out. The journal contains information on the name of purchasers as well as goods bought and prices. Many purchases are for cooking goods such as coffee, sugar, ginger and cheese. Household goods are also accounted for such as buttons, combs, thimbles, cloth and spoons. The header of the book states, “Franklin County” and research suggests Virginia as the state. (400+ pages)
- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Journal B, dating from (Sep 1805 – Oct 1806.)
  - The journal contains information on the name of purchasers as well as goods bought and prices. Many purchases are for cooking goods such as coffee, sugar, ginger and cheese and liquors. Household goods are also accounted for such as buttons, combs, thimbles, cloth and spoons. The header of the book states, “Franklin County” and research suggests

Virginia as the state. (659 pages)

- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Journal C dating from (Oct 1806 – Oct 1807.)
  - The journal contains information on the name of purchasers as well as goods bought and prices. Many purchases are for cooking goods such as coffee, sugar, ginger and cheese and liquors. Household goods are also accounted for such as buttons, combs, thimbles, cloth and spoons. The header of the book states, “Franklin County” and research suggests Virginia as the state. (590 pages)
- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Journal D, dating from (Oct 1807 – Nov 1808).
  - The journal contains information on the name of purchasers as well as goods bought and prices. Many purchases are for cooking goods such as coffee, sugar, ginger and cheese and liquors. Household goods are also accounted for such as buttons, combs, thimbles, cloth and spoons. The header of the book states, “Franklin County” and research suggests Virginia as the state. (560 pages)
- Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Journal E, dating from (Nov 1808 – June 1809).
  - The journal contains information on the name of purchasers as well as goods bought and prices. Many purchases are for cooking goods such as coffee, sugar, ginger and cheese and liquors. Household goods are also accounted for such as buttons, combs, thimbles, cloth and spoons. The header of the book states, “Franklin County” and research suggests Virginia as the state. (237 pages)

#### Box 13

- Book 42 A - Journal A Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Journal containing information on the day to day activities of the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Information includes name of customer, items purchased as well as date purchased. The header includes information on location stating, “Franklin County”. (640 pages) (March 1809 – Aug 1810)
- Book 42 B – Pages from Book 42 A (bound separately, smaller size)
  - Journal containing information on the day to day activities of the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Information includes name of customer, items purchased as well as date purchased. Items purchased include goods such cloth, shoes, food items such as sugar and liquors. The header includes information on location stating, “Franklin County” multiple pages in the back are blank. Research suggests the location is Franklin County, VA. (Aug 1810)

#### Box 14

- Book 43 A – Journal B Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.

- Journal containing information on the day to day activities of the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Information includes name of customer, items purchased as well as date purchased. The header includes information on location stating, "Franklin County" Research suggests location is Franklin County VA. (647 pages) (September 1810 – April 1812)
- Book 43 B – Journal B Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Journal pages containing information on the day to day activities of the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Information includes name of customer, items purchased as well as date purchased. The header includes information on location stating, "Franklin County" research suggests Franklin County VA. (647 pages) (April 1812 – Aug 1812)

#### Box 22

- Book 73 – Journal for the Kanawha Salines
  - Journal for the Kanawha Salines Co., the journal covers the purchases made by customers, information included is the name of the purchaser, item purchased and price of the item. Items include food items such as sugar and liquors. Hardware such as shovels and cloth items. (1829 – 1832)

#### Box 8

- Book 24 – Journal Book for William Dickinson
  - Book contains information on the Kanawha Salines Company. Information includes details of the gas furnaces used by the Kanawha Salines Company, items purchased, such as construction materials, flatboats, and food items such as coffee and flour. The book also contains records of financial transactions including name of buyer/seller amount paid and items transferred. (113 pages) (Jan 1863 - Sep 1863)

#### Box 11

- Book 33 – Journal No. 1 for William Dickinson
  - A ledger for William Dickinson and the Kanawha Salines Co. The Ledger shows both purchase and sales of a variety of items. As well as shipping information and information regarding furnaces. The ledger ranges from (1857-1862.)

#### Box 12

- Book 36 – Journal for John Dickinson
  - The front of the book contains an index based on the last names of the business associates in alphabetical order, the book contains on debt payments to Dickinson however a majority of the pages are blank. Includes information on sales and purchases, however many pages feature very little information. (Jan 1864 – Dec 1865)

- Book 38 – Journal for Cook and Dickinson Co.
  - Book containing information on the John Cook and Dickinson Co. The front of the book contains an index on business associates of Cook and Dickinson listed in alphabetical order. Information contained within is a list titled “merchandise account” containing a list of payments, payment type, name of payer and date paid. Also contained within the book is a list of business associates and the amount they owe well as payment type. (Nov 1859 - March 1861) (297 pages)

#### Box 18

- Book 62 – Journal for lumber company possibly Armstrong
  - Journal containing information on lumber sales. Information included is type of lumber sold, amount sold, wood type and buyer. Included inside the book is numerous torn out pages that are loose inside the cover. (1901 – 1903)

### **Balance Books**

#### Box 7

- Book 21 – Balance Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - book contains information on the balances of various business associates of Joel Shrewsbury. Information includes first and last name of associate as well as “Amount Brought Forward” (Sept 1805)
- Book 19 – Balance Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Front half of the book contains information on the balances of various business associates of Joel Shrewsbury. Information includes first and last name of associate as well as “Amount Brought Forward” (Oct 1806)
  - Back half of the book contains a list of debts due to Joel Shrewsbury including first and last name of debtor as well as amount owed. (2 pages) (Oct 1806)
- Book 23 – Balance Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Front half of book contains information on the balances of various business associates of Joel Shrewsbury. Information includes first and last name of associate as well as “Amount Brought Forward”. (Oct 1807)
  - Back half of the book contains a list of debts due to Joel Shrewsbury including first and last name of debtor as well as amount owed. (Oct 1807)
- Book 20- Balance Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information on the balances of various business associates of Joel Shrewsbury. Information includes first and last name of associate as well as “Amount Brought Forward”. The book is in deteriorating condition missing a protective cover. (Nov 1808)



- Book 22 – Balance Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information on the balances of various business associates of Joel Shrewsbury. Information includes first and last name of associate as well as “Amount Brought Forward”. The book is in deteriorating condition missing a protective cover. (Nov 1808) Book is nearly identical in information to Book No. 20 however book 22 is missing spacing between the names of the individuals. (Book 22 is a compressed Book 20)

### **Other Book Formats**

#### **Box 4**

- Book 7 – Memorandum Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the debts of various associates of Joel Shrewsbury. Information includes name of debtor, items bought, amount paid whether it be an increment or in full and location in other account books where debt is removed, i.e. which day book. (June 1805 – August 1806)
- Book 8 – Cash Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book contains information regarding the finances of Joel Shrewsbury. Information such as how much cash was in the store, amount of gold and amount of French coins. The left page is who Joel Shrewsbury was paying money to. While the right pages contains who paid money to Joel Shrewsbury. (August 1804 – December 1805)
- Book 9 – Tobacco Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Front half of book contains detailed information regarding the distribution of tobacco to Joel Shrewsbury & Co. Information includes, date of receiving, planters name, note included, No., warehouse, shippers name, to whom consign and to whom sold. (Dec 1804 – March 1809)
  - Back half of the book contains letters written by Joel Shrewsbury to various business associates. Topics include mainly business dealings regarding shipments of tobacco and the sale of the product. (March 1805 – Sep 1813) However there is a large gap between 1808 and 1813
- Book 10 – Invoice Book for Joel Shrewsbury & Co.
  - Book containing information on items Joel Shrewsbury bought from various businessmen. Information such as items bought, amount, price and seller are included. Items include cooking goods such as sugar and various liquors, as well as various cloths and home items such as candle molds, knives and saws. (June 1804 – Dec 1808)

#### **Box 8**

- Book 25 – Sales Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.

- Book contains information on sales made by the company. Information included is date, price, payment type and item bought. Later pages in the book include specific name of purchaser as well as items bought and price. Between pages is a newspaper clipping of unknown date focusing on state elections however state cannot be discerned either due to torn nature of clipping. (190 pages) (Sept 1849 - Aug 1865)
- Book 26 – Book titled “Petty Cash Book” for William Dickinson
  - Book contains a list of items sold by William Dickinson throughout a day of operation. Information included is item bought, amount of items purchased, price of item and end of the day book numbers. Items sold include cooking items such as butter, liquors, candy, tobacco. Construction materials such as nails were also sold. (June 1861 - Jan 1865) ( 146 pages)
- Book 27 – Letter book for the Kanawha Salines Co.
  - Book contains copies of letters placed upon a type of transfer paper, many of the copies barely legible or completely illegible. The letters that can be read detail the Kanawha Salines Co. Business transactions and deals. (May 1857 – June 1862)
- Book 28 – Unnamed Book relating to trips relating to William Dickinson
  - Book contains information regarding trips relating to the Kanawha Salines Co. Details include date of trip, trip #, days on the trip, locations traveled to items bought while on the trip.
- Book 29 – Book titled “Petty Cash Book” for William Dickinson
  - Book contains a list of items sold by William Dickinson thought a day of operation. Information included is item bought, amount of items purchased, price of item and end of the day book numbers. Items sold include cooking items such as butter, liquors, candy, tobacco. Construction material were also sold. (May 1857 - July 1861)

## Box 12

- Book 37 - Book for John Dickinson
  - Book containing information on African Americans slaves bought by and possibly from John Dickinson. Information on slaves includes name, possible price, possible family and date brought. Book also contains miscellaneous business information for Dickinson Co. Book is possibly a “Waste Book” most pages are barely legible(1857 – 1864)
- Book 39 – Book for John Dickinson
  - Book containing account information for John Dickinson and various associates, the front of the book contains an index listing the names of the business associates in alphabetical order. The book contains information on the name of the business associate, amount owed, whether the account has been paid or not and the payment type. Date is also included in this book the date ranges from (July 1857 – Jan 1859)

- Book 40 – Book for John Dickinson
  - Book contains account information for John Dickinson and various business partners. Information on payment type, date of payment, amount owed on account. The dates for the book range from (Jan 1855 – Jan 1859)
- Book 41 - Business information book
  - The front of the book contains two loose pages, one page is filled with math equations, specifically geometry and long division. Page 2 contains payment information however the name at the top of the paper is faded and illegible. The book also contains information relating to business expenses, merchandise, bills.
  - The back half of the book contains information regarding business associates and their various account balance and debts owed. (Jan 1856 – Sep 1856)

#### Box 16

- Book 45 – Invoice Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Invoice book containing information on where Dickinson and Shrewsbury purchased their store stock at. Information included is who the products were purchase from or “Bought Of” date purchased, price purchased for, area where items were purchased (Richmond and Baltimore). Items purchased include food items such as wine, chocolate, coffee. Clothing materials such as cotton, buttons, sewing needles and ribbons. (1809 – 1810)
- Book 46 – Offices Book of Virginia in Account with Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Ledger book containing payments received and payments made to a list of individuals. These individuals are possibly workers for the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. But could also be contractors such as captains and business associates. The information is catalogues by month and year. (1832 – 1860)
- Book 48 – Shop Book for Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co.
  - Front half of the book contains information on the accounts of various individuals involved with the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Information included is the items purchased, the individuals name, date purchased as well as the price. The front of the book contains an index with the names of the individual in alphabetical order. The book also contains whether the information was moved to a day book or settled. (1812)
  - Back half of book contains information on the accounts of various individuals involved with the Dickinson and Shrewsbury Co. Information included is the items purchased, the individuals name, date purchased as well as the price. The front of the book contains an index with the names

of the individual in alphabetical order. The book also contains whether the information was moved to a day book or settled. (1813)

#### Box 18

- Book 54 - "Scrap Book" for Harris Dickinson
  - Book containing mostly blank pages, the pages that have information only contain text. The text includes a "Class No." And an "Order No." Multiple pages are missing from the document.
- Book 58 – Shop Book for John Saunders Co.
  - Shop Book containing information on the purchases of various individuals. The front of the book contains an index with the names of these individuals in alphabetical order. Items purchased are mainly farming equipment such as plows and horseshoes. Information also included is date and price. Certain accounts have been crossed out entirely. (1811)

#### Box 20

- Book 64 – Cash Book ( K.B ?)
  - Cash Book containing information on account information (Possibly relating to Kanawha Salines). The account covers information on furnaces, salt accounts, shipping accounts and other various expenses. (1860 – 1865)
- Book 67 – Cash Book (Possibly Dickinson and Shrewsbury)
  - Cash Book containing account information of various individuals. Information included is name or individual and the amount they owe on their account. Front half of book covers 1808 while the back covers 1809.
- Book 68 – Memorandum Book
  - Book contains the account information of numerous individuals including the date, the name of the individual, the payment type and whether the account has been moved to another book. "Franklin" (possible Franklin County VA) is also written numerous times on the back cover of the book.(Sep 1807 - 1808)
- Book 69 – Shop Journal (Possibly Dickinson and Shrewsbury)
  - Front half of Book contains information on the purchases of shoppers from the year 1810. Items purchased include cloth materials as well as hardware. Also included is the name of the purchaser.
  - Back half contains information on the purchases of shoppers from the year 1809 Items purchased include cloth materials as well as hardware. Also included is the name of the purchaser.
- Book 70 – U.S Geological Survey 1884-1885
  - U.S Geological survey conducted by J.W Powell, sixth annual report 1884 – 1885
- Book 71 – Cash Book

- Small Cash Book from containing account information of various individuals, contains amount paid, type of payment, date and item purchased. (1810 – 1811)

#### Box 23

- Book 74 – Blank Book no title
  - Book contains no information
- 2 Indexes (No date)
  - 2 indexes for either a journal or ledger containing a list of names in alphabetical order.
- Book Cover
  - An empty book cover, the interior is covered in various number scribbles.
- Book 75 – Freight Book
  - Book containing shipping information of various goods. Information included is shipper, residence, consigner, destination, marks, description of freight, weight, rate, amount, charges, cash and tolls, 1866-1867
- Folder
  - Contains leaves from book 75

#### Box 19

- Folder –List of suits brought against Joel Shrewsbury and Debt information (Book)
  - Front half of book contains debt information of associates of Joel Shrewsbury. Information included is the person's name, amount of debt and whether the debt has been paid.
  - Back half of book contains list of suits brought against including name, county, date, amount of money, lawyer used, and whether the debt has been paid. (1805 – 1813)

### **Manuscripts and Unbound Materials**

#### Box 19

- Folder – Business Correspondence
  - 3 letters sent by Dickinson to Joel Shrewsbury regarding business transactions. Letters were sent between 1804 and 1811.
- Folder - letter regarding a court case between Joel Shrewsbury and Dickinson
  - A letter to Joel Shrewsbury from the Kanawha County Circuit Court regarding interrogatories (questions) posed by Dickinson. (1858)
- Folder – Debts due to Dickinson and Shrewsbury
  - A list of debts due to Dickinson and Shrewsbury information includes debtors name, amount due, date due and amount of interest. (1813)
- Folder – Correspondence to Joel Shrewsbury

- Folder contains four letters to Joel Shrewsbury from various business associates including William Dickinson. These letters are discussing business transaction specifically the shipment of goods such as whisky. Dates range from 1804 – 1807.
- Folder – Fragments of various business documents
  - Fragments of various business documents however the company isn't discernable. The only date is from 1859. Many of the fragments are ripped partial papers.
- Folder – Documents of accounts between Joel Shrewsbury and Pollock Tredway
  - Various loose documents pertaining to business transaction regarding Joel Shrewsbury and Pollock Tredway information included is merchandise numbers, errors in bills and invoices. (1804 – 1806)
- Folder – Account information Dickinson and Shrewsbury
  - A one-page document from 1811 – 1812 regarding account information for Dickinson and Shrewsbury. Information included is various store items and the price of each.
- Folder – Receipts (One is for Robert Dickinson, others unlabeled)
  - Folder contains a list of receipts for various goods, one is from W. W. Hanly a grocer in Cincinnati. Information included are goods purchased and price of goods. Items purchased are hardware tools, pain killers and sugar. (1864)
- Folder – Order to pay Dickinson
  - One-page paper from Fleming Saunders(?) dictating that Dickinson should be paid money that was collected by James Marcum (1810)
- Folder – Notes
  - Notes written by Hector Organ regarding the payments of Pollock Tredway. Included is the price owed and the date the note was written. Also included is a list of names with the amount of money owed to them. (1804)
- Folder – List of Tobacco
  - List of Tobacco owned by Joel Shrewsbury, information included is the price of the tobacco, type of tobacco and date purchased. (1805)
- Folder – Miscellaneous documents.
  - Two of the documents are from 1861 one document is from 1804. The former is a list of notes regarding debts owed. Information included is debt amount and name of debtor. The 1804 document contains a list of goods, orders, and when the debt accrued by the goods is due.
- Folder – Invoice of merchandise belonging to Pollock Tredway
  - Invoice containing list of merchandise belonging to Pollock Tredway listing the merchandise goods and price of the goods. (1805)
- Folder – Contains geometrical surveying techniques
  - Folders contains a loosely bound notes regarding geometrical survey techniques. The document includes information on how to survey land

using logarithms and how to divide land through geometry. Includes visual aids, tables and detailed notes on calculating land using geometry.

## **Series II: Personal Materials**

### **Personal Papers**

Box 19

- Folder- William Dickinson(Sr.) Estate Account
  - Estate account of possibly William Dickinson the account includes a list of goods owned and money paid out organized by Month and Year. Next to the goods are the approximate price of the goods. Items include furniture, tools and cloth materials. (1862 – 1866)

### **School Papers**

Box 19

#### **William Dickinson (1866-1907) Materials**

- Folder – Contains Jobbing(related to stocks) and Commission Ledger belonging to William Dickinson
  - 3 small ledger books from the practical department of Eastman College in Poughkeepsie NY. The ledger contains information on store expenses, insurance prices and billing information. (1888)
- Folder – Contains 4 books from Eastman College regarding bookkeeping.
  - Day Book, Ledger Book, Cash Book and Journal from the practical department of Eastman College located in Poughkeepsie NY. (1888)
- Folder – Contains 2 Books from the Eastman College regarding bookkeeping
  - Day Book and Ledger from the theory department of Eastman College located in Poughkeepsie NY. Ledger includes name of business associate and insurance numbers and other business expenses. The day book includes the day to day business transactions. (1888)
- Folder – Contains 2 Books from the Eastman College regarding bookkeeping
  - Contains Railroad Cash Book and Bankers and Brokers Ledger Book for the banking and office department at Eastman College in Poughkeepsie NY. The ledger includes a balance sheet and account information. The Cash Book contains expenses and billing information. (1888)
- Folder – Contains 3 Books from the Eastman College regarding bookkeeping.
  - Cash Book, General Ledger and Inventory books from the Eastman College Banking and Office Department, Merchant's Emporium located in Poughkeepsie NY. The Cash Book contains information regarding balance information. The ledger contains information regarding real estate holdings

and billing information. The inventory book contains information regarding the inventory, price and amount available. (1888)

- Folder – Contains 3 Books from the Eastman College regarding bookkeeping
  - Ledger, Cash Book and Account Sales Book all pertaining to the commission house of the banking and office department of the Eastman College in Poughkeepsie NY. The ledger account information of various individuals as well as account balancing information. The Cash Book contains information regarding the balance and cash use of this fictional company. Inside the Cashbook is also an advertisement for a closing out sale at a store called “Gellert’s”. The Account Sales Book contains information regarding the sales of different departments. (1888)
- Folder – Contains 6 Books from the Eastman College regarding bookkeeping.
  - Folder contains Sales Book, Ledger, Cash Book, Journal, Account Sales Ledger and Invoice Book specifically focusing on Wholesale Dry Goods and Commission. The Sales Book contains information on sales and shipping information. Ledger contains information on store expenses and costs of running store. Cash Book contains information on various cash expenses for the store and balances. Journal contains information on salary information and real estate information. Account Sales Ledger contains information on accounts of various individuals. The Invoice Book contains invoices from business partners.
- Folder – Contains 2 Books from the Eastman College regarding bookkeeping
  - Folder contains Complete Account Book and a General Ledger specifically focusing on banking. The Complete Account Book contains information regarding bills, mortgage and real estate holdings. The General Ledger contains information regarding bills, losses, real estate and general finances. (1888)
- Folder – Contain numerous training books for accounting
  - Contains 9 workbooks relating to accounting. Information inside the books is how to set up an accounting book to have tables for bills, expenses and cash expenditures. (1888)
- Folder – Contains 12 books from Eastman College regarding bookkeeping
  - Contains an Account Sales Ledger, Ledger, Cash Book, Journal, Invoice Book, Sales Book, Stock Ledger, Cash Balances, Installment Book, Stock Ledger, Dealers Recording Cash Book and Dealers Ledger. All books contain information on how to set up each specific accounting book.

## Box 20

- Folder – Contains School Papers
  - School Papers from 1884 belonging to William Dickinson depicting architecture sketches.
- Book 66 - “The Bomb” 1911 V.M.I Yearbook



- Yearbook for the Virginia Military Institute from the calendar year 1910 – 1911.

Box 23

- 7 Booklets from the Banking and Office department at Eastman College
- 2 Booklets from the Practical Department at Eastman College.